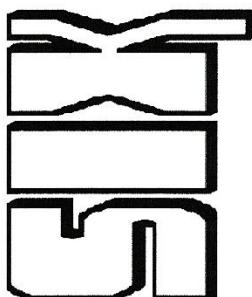
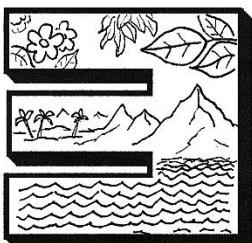
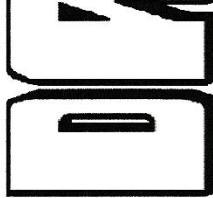
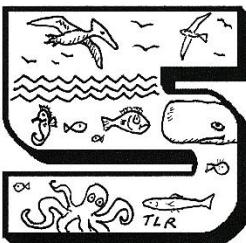
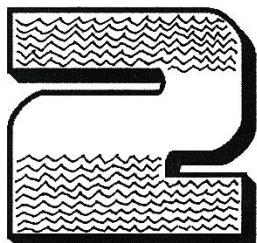
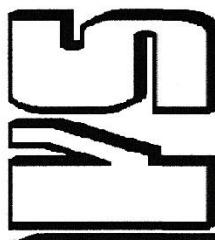
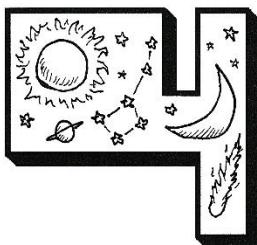
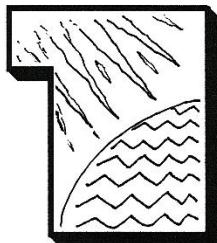


FURTHER BIBLICAL EVIDENCES FOR A LITERAL READING OF GENESIS 1:



"GOD SAW ALL THAT HE HAD MADE, AND BEHOLD, IT WAS VERY GOOD. AND THERE WAS EVENING AND THERE WAS MORNING, THE SIXTH DAY."—GENESIS 1:31 (NASB95)

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-first Day of April, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History—a too often neglected topic!

Morning Worship—9:30 AM.

Call to Worship:^{*} *“Our Great Savior”* (#1; Chorus ONLY).

Invocation.^{*}

Hymn: *“O God, our Help in Ages Past”* (#48).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”* (#511).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Come, We That Love the Lord”* (#68).

Dismissal of Youth for Children’s Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“SIX DAYS.”*

Closing Hymn:^{*} *“Like a River Glorious”* (#47).

Benediction.^{*}

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



Week of April 14 – April 20

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—15

Midweek—4; Offering—\$826.00

Video Views (Facebook, Rumble, YouTube)—149



Update on Baby Gus (4/19/24)

Mark Joubert



Hello friends. I apologize for the delayed update. The last week has been a whirlwind of adjustments and changes - mostly good. Gus is doing really well. His meds have been weaned considerably, his second chest tube removed (woohoo!), and he is breathing room air! We even got to bring him outside into the hospital garden the other day.

The kidneys remain a major obstacle to his progression. His renal scan (to follow up on that for you all) verified that his kidneys were indeed damaged, but they are still perfusing blood, which was encouraging. It means the possibility for recovery is still there. However, his urine output (a key indicator of kidney health) is still minimal, and the kidneys haven't responded to diuretics. Our nephrology team is optimistic, but for now all we can do is give the kidneys the ideal conditions for recovery, wait, and pray. He's still on peritoneal dialysis with hourly passes. Ideally, we'd like to see the kidneys recover to the point where such frequent dialysis is not needed - or not needed at all.

137 days with Gus at the hospital. He's made huge strides in the last few weeks. He is struggling with some discomfort from withdrawals, but our team has been doing a great job of weaning him from his meds while balancing his comfort and addressing his delirium. God has been kind to us. Every day with Gus is a gift. Thank you for continuing to follow our story and pray for us.

AFRICA UPDATE: March 19, 2024

(Pastor Keith Merriman)

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Salomon is currently in the Central Africa Republic establishing a new practorium ministry in Bangui. He is meeting with 8 pastors who are being trained to have practorium ministries in their churches and to take 2 courses themselves from Pastor Salomon. Please pray for his health and safety over the next week and for journey mercies home. Attached is a picture of Pastor Regis who is the vice president of... **CONTINUED ON BACK**⇒



...the CGBCI churches in CAR. His church is about 130 km from Bangui but came to help teach at practorium and learn from Pastor Salomon how to have an effective practorium program in his church. Pastor Salomon was able to take 10 French MacArthur study Bibles and many practorium courses in French to help start the practorium ministry there. Salomon just called me as I was writing this email and said pray for him the mosquitos are bad and there is much malaria in the area and "the heat is too much."

AFRICA UPDATE: April 10, 2024

(Pastor Keith Merriman)

Dear beloved brethren,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to thank everyone who gave for the emergency relief funds for NW Cameroon. We raised more than \$6000 to help our brethren there with food needs. We sent half the money yesterday and will send the other half next month. I know they will be very thankful for the help.

"So then, awhile we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." (Gal. 6:10)

Also thanks for all your prayers for pastor Salomon's trip to CAR; it was very successful. I am waiting for a report of the trip.

Please pray for the Kampala GBC (where Pastor Roger is in Uganda) for land for their church. They are in the process of trying to purchase a plot of land. Land in the capital city is very expensive but the Lord seems to be opening a door.

Praise the Lord—another new church in Cameroon, Bikoko GBC; this is one of the churches planted through the Mobile Clinic ministry of the Mfomakap GBC. It is exciting that one of the recent practorium graduates and who was just ordained, Pastor Paul, will be moving there with his family to pastor the church. (picture attached)

Thanks as always to all who give and pray, God bless, Keith

